

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1, 23, 43 and 44.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Woerheide (US 5,390,740).

Proposed Amendments

Amendment of claims 1, 23, 43 and 44 to delete “high pressure steam” from the list of gas sources.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants’ representatives argued that none of the cited references teach or suggest lift gas, export gas or underground steam.

Results of Interview

The Examiners noted that the proposed claim amendments appeared to overcome the cited references, but that a further search would be required.